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Newsletter Spotlight



LT Drew Lidster getting hands on experience with mosquito identification. More on page 7!

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FROM THE MSC DIRECTOR



Greetings MSC leaders,

To begin, I want to congratulate RADM Gillingham on his selection as our 39th Surgeon General of the Navy! There is no better person to lead us through the coming years as we take advantage of the many opportunities to be found in the wake of military health reform, allowing us to become more agile and capable in support of our naval forces. I trust all have read the SG's "Day One Guidance" and would ask that you align your efforts to Navy Medicine's new mission, vision, and four priorities of People, Platforms, Performance, and Power. While more guidance is on the horizon, it's never too early to get after these priorities!

I also want to welcome aboard RDML Mark Moritz, MSC, USN, who was recently promoted to Flag rank and is our new MSC Reserve Director and Deputy, Navy Medicine West. A former hospital corpsman who rose to chief, RDML Moritz was commissioned and

has served our naval forces as a podiatrist in the Reserves and has spent considerable time with the Marines. His command tour was with 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Marine Forces Reserve. Welcome aboard RDML Moritz and I look forward to serving with you!

This month, I had several opportunities to reflect upon the meaning of heritage—one of our MSC values. These opportunities presented themselves in many ways: hearing from colleagues who just retired, meeting former MSC officers who continue to serve in a civilian uniform, and, regrettably, hearing about those MSC officers who passed away (see pages 16 & 17). The importance of our heritage cannot be understated. In today's ever-changing landscape, it is our heritage that provides an enduring foundation and binds us together, giving us an opportunity to honor those who came before us and, ultimately, the confidence to move forward. With this in mind, I want



to personally thank all those MSCs who are part of our storied heritage. Those of us who wear the uniform today will always be in your debt for what you have done for us when you wore the cloth of our nation. Thank you, thank you.

With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, I thank you for your service to each other, our corps, and our country. Wherever you may be spending this holiday, remember to be safe and take care of each other and your families.



CUSTOMS AND HERITAGE

LT. KENTNER AND THE "WAR'S MOST INCREDIBLE DOCUMENT"

BY ANDRE B. SOBOCINSKI, HISTORIAN, BUMED

Lt. Robert W. Kentner was one of the 251 officers sworn into the newly created Medical Service Corps (MSC) in 1947. The Buffalo, N.Y., native had originally enlisted into the service in 1934 and served as a hospital corpsman (then known as pharmacist's mate). Following World War II, Kentner obtained a commission as an Ensign in the Navy Hospital Corps. In the months leading to the appointment of the first MSC officers, Ensign Kentner was part of the administrative team at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) tasked with determining staffing requirements for the Navy's newest corps.

Although all of Kentner's fellow MSC plankowners were veterans of World War II, it could be said that his wartime experiences were more harrowing than most.

At the start of the war, Kentner was assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital Canacao in the Philippines. In January 1942, he and the hospital staff were captured by the Japanese Army and sent to the infamous Bilibid Detention Facility in the heart of Manila.

The Japanese used Bilibid to process thousands of American, Filipino, Dutch, British, Australian and Kiwi prisoners to labor camps throughout the Philippines and Japan. It also held the distinction as the makeshift home for Naval Hospital Canacao. Despite suffering from tropical disease, malnutrition and lacking sufficient medical supplies and equipment, Kentner and the displaced hospital staff continued to administer to the sick and wounded while in captivity, operating what was termed the "Bilibid Hospital for Military Prison Camps of the Philippine Islands."

For three and a half years, Kentner also served in Bilibid's administrative office where he gained special insight into the daily activities of the camp. On scraps of stolen paper, Kentner began documenting the dates of arrival and departure for prisoner drafts, rosters of personnel, information on pa-

tient admissions, records of death and burials as well as floor plans and drawings of the camp. Sample entries read:

"6-30-43: One hundred and thirty-seven patients and twenty well prisoners were transferred to Cabanatuan, P. I. at 0600 this date, by the Japanese. STAMP, L.E. PhM2c U.S. Navy was amongst this group. Sixty-two well prisoners arrived from Corregidor, P.I. at 1900 this date."

"8-21-43: STEDMAN, Dennis Brown, Private, U. S. Army (60th CAC), . . . recent admission from Pasay, P.I., died at 1500 this date. Cause of death: Pneumonia, Lobar. Burial services held. Buried in Hospital plot, row four, grave four."

Kentner hid the daily entries in a storage space above a toilet outside the personnel office. If ever discovered, it would have meant certain death. Fortunately, it never was.

When the prison was liberated in February 1945, Kentner stuffed this "journal" into an old Filipino Army sack and carried it back to the United States. He delivered it to BUMED on

April 21, 1945. Seeing the value of this document, BUMED had it transcribed and copies were distributed to the Army, Marine Corps, Office of Naval Intelligence and the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

In 1946, Kentner's journal was described by one writer as the "War's most incredible document." And after the war, it was credited for helping the military locate the bodies of many service personnel who died while in captivity.

Kentner's time in the Medical Service Corps was fairly short. After his initial tour at BUMED, Kentner served as a food service manager at (what was then the) Naval Hospital Quantico, Va., Medical Administrative Officer with the Pacific Fleet, the Executive Assistant to the Commanding Officer of Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Va., and finally a Public Affairs Officer at BUMED. Kentner retired from the Navy in 1956. He died in November 2003 at the age of 86.

Today, Kentner's original journal can be found at National Archives II in College Park, Md., and digital photo-stat copies are downloadable through the Internet Archive.



Military personnel from the Bilibid Hospital Unit, 1942



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FROM THE DETAILERS

ORDERS RELEASE UPDATE:

PERS funding is limited and timing of FY20/Oct 2019 funding release and funding levels are unknown. Orders are currently being released through April 2020, with potential for additional end-of-year funds. Appropriate adjustments will be employed if lead times affect mission/PCS execution. Retirement/resignation/accesion orders will continue to be released six months prior to rotation date. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

PROMOTION BOARD SEASON IS UPON US – Is Your Record Accurate and Up-to-Date?

See links below for *NEW* electronic methods for submitting letters to board and officer photograph. Officers are responsible for ensuring their record is accurate and up-to-date. Utilize link below to access record management guide. This guide provides instructions and points of contact for updating your record. Detailers can only update some AQDs. Detailers do NOT have access or ability to update other sections of your record. Sending detailers anything other than AQDs will only delay record updating process. If no action/response can utilize My Navy Career Center, see below. Promotion Boards see your Officer Summary Record (OSR), Performance Summary Record (PSR), and official photograph when voting on your record “in the tank”. The Board Member assigned to brief your record also reviews your FITREPS, awards, letter to board and other supporting documentation. While you should verify the accuracy of your entire record, you should focus your efforts on ensuring that your OSR, PSR, Photograph, FITREPS, and Awards are accurate and up-to-date. While multiple AQDs and awards demonstrate your experience and accomplishments, documented sustained superior FITREP PERFORMANCE in challenging leadership positions with increasing scope/impact is best indicator for promotion success.

-Officer Promotions Board Information, Letters to Board, Officer Photographs, etc.:

-*NEW* Electronic Submission of Letter to Board through MyNavy Portal: NAVADMIN 220/19

<https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/activedutyofficer/Pages/default.aspx>

-*NEW* Electronic Officer Photo Submission through MyNavy Portal:

<https://my.navy.mil> (After Log In: From the “My Record” tab at top of page select “My Record 1.0.” Then, under the section “Other Record Sites of Interest” select “Officer Photograph.”)

-Officer Record Management Brief: Click on [PDF] link.

<https://search.usa.gov/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&affiliate=npcc&query=Officer+Record+Management+Brief&commit=Search>

-MyNavy Career Center: Phone: 1-833-330-MNCC (833-330-6622); MyNavy Career Center Email: askmncc@navy.mil; MyNavy Portal: <https://my.navy.mil/>

NEGOTIATING ORDERS:

If you are one year or less away from your projected rotation date (PRD) and have not already begun discussing the PCS plan with your Specialty Leader and Detailer, please reach out to them to initiate communication.

RESERVE UPDATE

BY: CAPT MICHAEL J. MEDINA, MSC, USN
RESERVE AFFAIRS OFFICER, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS



Fort McCoy, WI - Reserve officers from 4th Medical Battalion participate in the joint preventive medicine training with the Army 787th Medical Detachment at Exercise Global Medic / Northern Lights 2019. Pictured front row (L-R): LCDR Ben Larson, Environmental Health Officer (EHO); CDR Michael Bay, Entomologist; LT Jonathan Allen, EHO; Back row (L-R): SSG Thibadeau, SSG Smith, MAJ Rivas, SGT Walton, SPC Bird.



Rota, Spain - Active and reserve optometrists pose for a photo in Naval Hospital Rota. The reserve optometrists provided support to NH Rota while two of the active duty optometrists were completing continuing education requirements. L-R: LCDR Joshua Keil, CDR Patricia Steiner, USNR; CAPT Andrew Archila, Commanding Officer; CAPT Marie Gannon, USNR; CDR Bonnie Garbutt.

SPECIALTY SPOTLIGHT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



LT Eric Green performing public health inspections to detect the threats before they impact human health.

Most diseases don't start with visible signs or symptoms. They enter the unsuspecting body where, depending on the infection, the body begins its internal defense. Environmental Health Officers (EHO) are tasked with Force Health Readiness, the main focus being to apprehend causal infections prior to making contact with the unsuspecting human body.

This is done in a myriad of ways and multiple areas of operations. Forward deployed, in the field, or at Military Treatment Facilities, EHO's are like the multi-faceted Swiss Army knife. Typically working behind the scenes to insure food is safely prepared and stored, quality assurance on water is performed, morbidity is tracked to identify and investigate potential trends, disease intelligence is compiled and forwarded to our troops with mitigation measures, and if a disease outbreak occurs... EHOs stand ready to respond.



LT Whiting and LT Magalhaes training on proper inspect techniques of a water bull.

The majority of EHO billets are at Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF's) and at Navy Environmental and Preventive Medicine Units (NEPMU's) around the world. These are the EHO training ground, where EHO's work in conjunction with local health care personnel to ensure basic force health protection of our Warfighters and a cross coverage of beneficiaries' health. In these billets, the EHO's are in constant surveillance for food or water issues that may cause illness, as well as keeping an eye on disease patterns that may indicate a shift in disease prevalence.



LT Christian Johnroe explains how to utilize deployment particulate samplers to Sailors from Marine Expeditionary Units and other public health professions during a PREVMEDEX. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Roderick Jacquot)

EHO's are routinely sent out to perform Food and Water Risk Assessments (FWRA) and Occupational and Environmental Health Site Assessments (OEHSA) in areas where troops are scheduled to go. Recently, EHO's partnered with the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to investigate an outbreak in a Marine Corps Unit and an EHO was sent to a Naval Warship, to help assess and control an ongoing shipboard outbreak that kept the ship from mission accomplishment.



Manta, Ecuador (June 30, 2019) LTJG Jason S. McCain from Burke, Virginia assigned to hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) educates children about animals that could carry rabies.

There are two EHO billets that deal with Shipbuilding. These billets focus on ensuring the design and construction of ships are conducive to healthy personnel aboard. Planning for the design of a ship is a long process and there is an EHO that covers each step of the process.

Because of their broad health background, EHO's are often tapped to help plan and also teach health risks and health communication at Cooperative Health Engagements with Partner Nations. EHO's at Marine Corps Units have established PREVMEDEX's, or preventive medicine exercises, where cross training is done with regional public health professionals, reservist, and Marine Expeditionary Force's preventive medicine personnel to actually practice, and teach new skill sets used to support personnel operating in austere environments.



Manta, Ecuador (July 1, 2019) LTJG McCain, speaks during a subject matter exchange on public health in natural disasters.

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End Strength - 97
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Billet types:
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Exercise planning with South Korean partners.

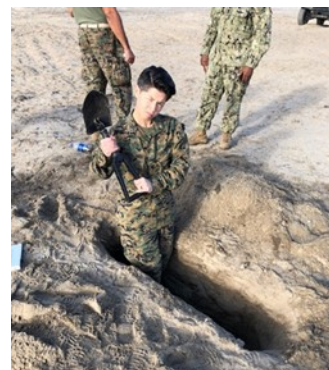
EHO's also work in planning operations. There are EHO's on Staff with the Marines and also Navy Component Command. In South Korea, the EHO billet is Joint and is embedded in the US Forces Korea-Surgeon Cell. The Navy EHO is responsible for the preventive health of all US Forces stationed in the Korea Theater of Operations. Force Health Protection is the cornerstone of this billet and is achieved through refinement of the OPLAN and implementation of strategic level directives to minimize the risk of the unique environmental threats of Korea. Due to the

sensitive geopolitical nature of this assignment, the EHO must maintain good working relationships with the Republic of Korea military and multiple government agencies. This demanding position is a great example of how Navy Medicine works closely with our sister services and Allies towards a common goal with significant regional and global impact.

In planning for disease risks, EHO's also work in medical research. The EHO researcher currently filling the billet at Naval Health Research Center, in San Diego, California, is studying post-traumatic stress disease (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury (TBI). The EHO researcher currently assigned to Naval Medical Research Unit TWO is detailed to the US Army's Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS) in Bangkok, Thailand, where he coordinates infectious disease research activities between the

Army and Navy in Southeast Asia and leads research focused on characterizing malaria risk, transmission and drug resistances with partner Ministries of Defense and Health in Laos, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

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PREVMEDEX's are not all fun and games!

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LT Magalhaes working with Partner Nation in testing an Exercise plan



Conducting SSCE certification inspection and training on NOAA Ship Ronald Brown, Charleston, SC Pictured (L-R) - LT Rizzo-Pelley, HM3 Fletcher (from Naval Hospital Beaufort), HM2 Major, HM1 Phillips, HM3 Dozier, HM3 Adams.

SPECIALTY SPOTLIGHT

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



CAPT Roderick Boyce with 2nd Medical Battalion, 2nd Marine Logistics Group, speaks with Australian Defence Force Lt. Col. John Von't Hof during a visit to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, March 4, 2019. Von't Hof visited the battalion to learn how corpsman treat patients in a deployed environment. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Damion Hatch Jr.)



South Korea Force Health Protection Summit, 25 October 2019. Public Health Officials from Army, Air Force, Navy, and civilian entities meet to discuss current and emerging environmental threats in the region. LT Luke Mansfield, Navy EHO, is in the back (6th from left).



PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad (Aug. 22, 2018) U.S. Navy LT David Cruz, Southern Partnership Station 2018's Fleet Health Engagement Team (FHET) officer-in-charge, speaks with a Trinidad and Tobago (TTO) military professional as part of functional exercise Red Fish aboard a TTO coast guard vessel during Southern Partnership Station 2018. Southern Partnership Station is a U.S. Southern Command-sponsored and U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet-conducted annual deployment focused on subject matter expert exchanges and building partner capacity in a variety of disciplines including medicine, construction and dive operations in the Caribbean, Central and South America. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Katie Cox/Released) Picture and caption taken from Navy Medicine Live article "Global Health Engagement in Action: Trinidad and Tobago" <http://navymedicine.navylive.dodlive.mil/archives/12765>



Naval Hospital Sigonella during a Technical Assist Visit from NEPMU-7 to evaluate the hospital's Vector Surveillance Plan. Pictured is LT Drew Lidster getting hands on experience with mosquito identification.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



LCDR Derek Boyd and CDR Mark Miller (NC) collected water samples for Endotoxin testing at BHC Iwakuni to ensure compliance with new Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) sterilization processing standards.



CDR David Veenhuis (photo center) in Cameroon during a Food and Water Risk Assessment for a future capacity building exercise.



LT Magalhaes and LCDR Reed conducting a study that involved sampling recruit skin tissue and beach water samples in San Diego.



LT Richelle Magalhaes participated in the Cooperative Health Engagement for Cobra Gold 2019, Thailand. In conjunction with the COMRELS and ENCAPS, she taught children about Nutrition, Dental Care, Proper Eye Care and public health. She also participated in a knowledge exchange with the Royal Thai Marines

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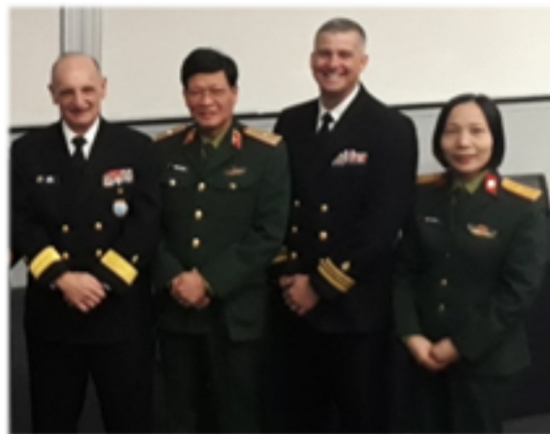
LT Larkins, CDR Comeau and LTJG Watts transiting the Panama Canal onboard USNS COMFORT during operation ENDURING PROMISE 18.



CDC Outbreak Team and CDR Christensen, LTJG Lee, and LT Magalhaes



EHO's get together at an Exercise. (L-R: LCDR Moody, LT Jairam, LCDR Nefyck, LT Sterling, LT Cruz-Mestre)



Pictured (L-R): RADM Louis Tripoli-US INDO-PACOM Surgeon, Major General Nguyen Xuan Kien, Vietnamese People's Army Surgeon General; LCDR Nicholas Martin, and Major Nguyen Thi Thanh Van at the Military Global Health Security Meeting Co-hosted by the Australian Defence Force and US IN-DOPACOM 16-17 June 19 in Sydney, Australia.

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MSCs IN FOCUS



Vietnam - Top picture: LT Tya Rowe and LT Dustin Fristed, both Dietitians, pose for a photo with Vietnamese physician and nursing staff after completion of training on diabetic and renal nutrition at Khanh Hoa General Hospital. The hospital provided certificates to staff for completing nutrition education during Pacific Partnership. Bottom left picture: LT Fristed and LT Rowe at the Khanh Hoa General Hospital with Vietnamese medical providers and team translator. Bottom right picture: Marshall Islands - LT Rowe huddles with children of the Marshall Islands to view the food groups and plate method, as part of the community health fair during Pacific Partnership 2019.

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Newport, RI – MSCs pose for a photo during the Officer Development School (ODS) graduation of class 19060. Pictured first row (L-R): CAPT Phillip Sanchez, HCA and ODS Guest Speaker; CDR Clemia Anderson, HCA and ODS Director; LT Brook Sims, Clinical Psychologist; LTJG Lindsey Weyand, Physician Assistant (PA); LTJG Rosa Shu, PA; LT Candice Gonsalves, Clinical Psychologist; LTJG Alaide Cordonmulbry, Naval Aerospace and Operational Physiologist (NAOP); LT Morgan Dossey, Clinical Psychologist; LTJG Tatiana Tulei, PA; and, LCDR Derrick Randle, HCA and ODS Deputy Director. Second Row (L-R): LTJG Derik Kincaid, NAOP; LT David Rogers, PA; ENS Eldee Demegillo, Medical Technologist; LT Michael Sanchez, Clinical Psychologist; LT Jessica Strickland, Clinical Psychologist; LTJG Sarah Begley, PA; LTJG Amanda Hirata, Social Worker; and, LTJG Jose Fernandez, PA. Third Row (L-R): LT Adam Salyer, Entomologist; LTJG William Baker, Industrial Hygiene Officer (IHO); LT Maxwell Anderson, Clinical Psychologist; LT Tyler Grubic-NAOP; LTJG Ryan Boudreau-PA, LT Jesse Daconta-Pharmacist; and LTJG Vance Baughman, PA. Fourth Row (L-R): LT Ethan Amdahl, Clinical Psychologist; LTJG John Sabin, PA; LT Jacob Jordan, Clinical Psychologist; LT Gabriella Finger, Optometrist; LT Sean Houchins, Clinical Psychologist; and, LT Corey Fugate, Biochemist. Fifth Row (L-R): LTJG Youssef Khamsi, Radiation Health Officer; LTJG Nicole Cox, NAOP; LT Taylor Lura, Entomologist; LTJG Jeramy Sawyers, PA; and, LTJG Jeramy Ford, HCA. Not pictured: LT Kelly Main, Clinical Psychologist; LT Kerrie Oleary, Clinical Psychologist; LT Samantha Savite, Clinical Psychologist; and, LT James Ofori, Pharmacist.



USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN 75) – The CVN 75 medical department crew and Tri-service vision team pose for a photo during a site visit on 25 SEP 2019. The Tri-Service Vision Conservation and Readiness Program (TSVCR), Army Public Health Center, was invited by the CVN 75 Medical Department to assess vision & optical readiness and conduct vision safety inspection. The Tri-service vision team also provided sailors on-site eye exam and glass/optical insert ordering services. Pictured: LT Jae Wah, HCA, CVN75; LT Jacob Lockwood, Industrial Hygienist; CVN75; Lt Col Luanne Danes, Program Manager/Air Force Branch Chief, TSVCR; HM2 Myung Seo, Optician, CVN75; LTC Jin Ha, Army Branch Chief, TSVCR; LCDR Hong Gao, Aerospace Optometrist/Navy Branch Chief, TSVCR; and SN Gabriela Cruz, Naval Branch Health Clinic Norfolk.

MSCs IN FOCUS



Virginia Beach, VA - The Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center (NMCPHC) and Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit 2 (NEPMU2) teamed up to represent public health at the 2019 Outdoor STEM Laboratory held on 20 Sep 19 in conjunction with the NAS Oceana Air Show. Approximately 7,000 5th grade students were able to take part in a series of hands-on learning stations and meet STEM leaders throughout the military and Hampton Roads community. NMCPHC and NEPMU2 educated students on the topics of industrial hygiene, occupational health, epidemiology, toxicology, health promotion, and preventive medicine using demonstrations relating to industrial hygiene sampling equipment, personal protective equipment, bio magnification of pesticides, probability, sugar content in foods, instruction on how to use a microscope, water filtration, and bug identification. Top Picture - NEPMU2 group (L-R): HMCN Marsha Burmeister, HM2 Angelo Hunter, HM1 Amy Shockey, LTJG Eleanor Moen, Entomologist; CAPT Gerald DeLong, Industrial Hygiene Officer; HM3 Vjaceslavs Asme, LT Lorie Larkins, Environmental Health Officer. Bottom picture: NMCPHC group (L-R): Jena Brunson, Dr. Andy Marchiando, Jessica Newton, HM1 Mari Williams, HMCN Marsha Burmeister, Dr. Amy DeLong, Mr. Wayne Rudolph, CAPT Gerald DeLong.

MSCs IN FOCUS



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH), HI - MSCs from Naval Health Clinic Hawaii pose for a photo with RDML Weber in front of the Hale Aina dining facility at the Hickam side of JBPHH. Pictured (L-R): LT Sarah Alferos, Physical Therapist; LCDR Chad Scott, HCA/Flag Aide; LCDR Brittany Jansen, Physical Therapist; LT Jennifer Rajner, HCA; LCDR Vince Deguzman, Pharmacist; LCDR Mary Piliwale, EHO; CAPT Kimberly Zuzelski, Commanding Officer/Dietitian; RDML Timothy Weber, NMW Commander and MSC Director; LTJG Paul Winston; HCA; LTJG Samuel Mobley, Industrial Hygienist; LCDR Ronald Lorenzo, HCA/IT; LT Kevin Hoang, Optometrist; LT Joshua Yahalom, Physical Therapist; and, CDR Danielle Hicks, HCA/DFA.



Siem Reap, Cambodia—NAMRU-2 personnel celebrate LCDR Jose Garcia's promotion ceremony at the Angkor Wat. Pictured (L-R): CAPT John S. Brooks, Medical Corps; CAPT Patrick J. Blair, NAMRU-2 Commanding Officer/ Microbiologist; LCDR Jose A. Garcia, Microbiologist; HM1 Sopheap Nuon, Laboratory Technician; CAPT Jonathan Stahl, NAMRU-2 Executive Officer/Dental Corps.

MSCs IN FOCUS



Jacksonville, NC - Top left picture: CDR Robert L. Anderson, HCA, affirms his oath of office administered by RDML Anne Swap, 18th Director of the Medical Service Corps, as staff and guests watch from the Quarter Deck of Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune on 04 Aug 2019. Top right picture: The exchange of shoulder boards for CAPT Robert L. Anderson is performed by his father, Mr. Robert Anderson, and his stepmother, Mrs. Lynn Anderson.



Jacksonville, NC. A strong showing of Medical Service Corps Officers, past and present, were among the nearly 100 staff and guests in attendance for CAPT Robert Anderson's promotion on 04 August 2019. Pictured (L-R) First Row: LT Maggie Bocian, HCA; LT Iris Manso, HCA; LCDR Kellye Donovan, Pharmacist; CAPT Robert L. Anderson, HCA; CDR Elizabeth Skorey, HCA; CDR Emily Owens, EHO; LCDR Gary Rosonet, Audiologist; LTJG Michael Weaver, HCA; RDML Anne Swap, HCA; CAPT (Ret.) Bob Fry. Second Row: CDR Darren Pierce, HCA; LTJG Michelle Brown, HCA; LT Michael Conejo, HCA; CDR Kelly Mokay, Dietician; CDR Randy Panke, Physician Assistant; LCDR Clint Bullman, HCA; CAPT Roderick Boyce, HCA; CAPT Roger Bunch, Pharmacist; LCDR Douglas Cole, HCA; LT Tejaswi Belavadi, HCA; LCDR Christopher Suszko, HCA. Back Row: LCDR Dave Cavallario, HCA; LT Eric Green, EHO; LT Keshav Baggan, Social Worker; LTJG Matthew Esper, HCA; LCDR Ryan DiParisi, HCA; CAPT Cameron Waggoner, EHO.

MSCs IN FOCUS



Fort Detrick, MD - Top left picture: CAPT Steve Aboona, Commander, Naval Medical Logistics Command, and RDML Darin K. Via, MC, pose for a photo during the 244th Navy Birthday celebration. Top right picture (L-R) - LT Sherleen P. Espinosa, EHO; LCDR Robert Barragan, HCA/Medical Logistics; CAPT Steve Aboona, HCA/Medical Logistics; RDML Darin K. Via, MC, USN; and HMCM Patrick B. West, NMLC Command Master Chief, at the 244th Navy Birthday celebration at Naval Medical Logistics Command.



Kandahar, Afghanistan - NATO Role III MMU Victor rotation team celebrates the Navy's 244th birthday. Top left picture: LT Charles Lee, HCA, gives a speech as the guest of honor during the celebration. Pictured right: LT Lee, CAPT Bruce Potenza, MC/Chief of Trauma; and, HM3 D. Heller participate in the traditional cake cutting.

got photos!

Route your requests via your chain of command and send them to the [Corps Chief's Office](#) with the following information:

1. Location of picture (e.g., city/state/ country, or ship, where applicable)
2. Rank, Full Name, Specialty (if MSC), Corps (if non-MS-C) of all Officers
3. Suggested caption



IN MEMORIAM



RUTH YESENIA CORTES

LIEUTENANT, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY
19 OCTOBER 1979— 30 OCTOBER 2019

Ruth was born on October 19, 1979 in Hawaiian Gardens, California the middle child out of five of Jose and Laura Cortes. She graduated from Magnolia High School in Anaheim, CA class of 1997, received her Bachelor of Science in 2002 from San Diego State University, San Diego, CA and graduated from Touro University, Vallejo, CA as certified Physician's Assistant in 2012. She served in the United States Airforce Reserves for six years and was actively serving as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy.

Ruth accomplished a great many things for which she viewed as a blessing and faced adversity through it all but her Christian faith never wavered. She had a passion for helping others, especially using her skills in medicine. She was a skilled artist and used her drawings to bring joy to others and to educate patients. She enjoyed traveling with friends which was evident by her ever growing list of places she had visited and placed she longed to see. She ran for fitness and as a way to destress and accumulated, trophies and medals for 5k's, 10k's and marathons she completed. She was known for her quick wit, infectious smile and laugh, her kind, compassionate, selfless spirit and her love of life.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jose and mother, Laura. She is survived by her sisters Judith, Ana, Vanessa, brother Jose and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Services are listed on this site. Flowers are welcomed as well as donations in her honor through GoFundMe for Touro University where she attended PA school. The funds will be used to create the Lt. Ruth Cortes running space at the new gymnasium being built where a plaque will be created in her honor alongside the purchase of a treadmill, a brick for the PA Veterans Memorial garden in Durham, NC and a to have an annual scholarship through the American Academy of PAs Veterans Caucus for female Veterans attending PA school.

LT Cortes' obituary can be found in <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/santa-ana-ca/ruth-cortes-8917787?>



IN MEMORIAM



HELEN FRANCES DELANEY

COMMANDER, MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS
UNITED STATES NAVY

27 APRIL 1934— 17 OCTOBER 2019



Helen Frances Delaney, 85, passed away on Thursday October 17th from complications following heart surgery. She was born in Medford Massachusetts April 27, 1934. Helen joined the Navy in 1955 immediately following graduation from the University of New Hampshire with a BS degree. For the next twenty-four years she proudly served our country and its soldiers as an occupational staff therapist, unit supervisor, department head and ultimately as the director of technical training for the Naval School of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland.

Helen supported the Occupational Therapy profession as a member of the Commission's accreditation staff, treasurer, vice president and president. She authored several papers during her career inclusive of her 1973 publication "Environmental considerations in employment of the physically disabled" for the US Civil Service Commission. Upon retiring from the Navy as a Commander, Helen worked as a realtor in the Palm Coast area. She was a private aviator and upon moving to Florida became interested in boating.

Helen had a passion for music and sang tenor in Sweet Adeline's choral group. She was an active member of the Retired Military Officers Association and a strong supporter of the democratic process. Helen never married and didn't have any offspring. She is predeceased by her brother John F Delaney Jr of Reading, Ma. Helen leaves behind her three nephews Mark of Wakefield, MA, Stephen of Fitchburg, MA, John of Bedford, NH and niece AnnMarie Hoffman of Lynnfield MA who passed in 2011. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 on November 18 at the Craig Flagler Palms Funeral Home Flagler Beach. Helen will be interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.



September 2019 Crossword Puzzle

WINNER: LT Meoshe S. Beckworth, MSC, USN

Across:

1.) Features include online exchange of data files (up to _____ GB) between DoD, other governmental, and civilian agencies. (Hint: Spelled out)

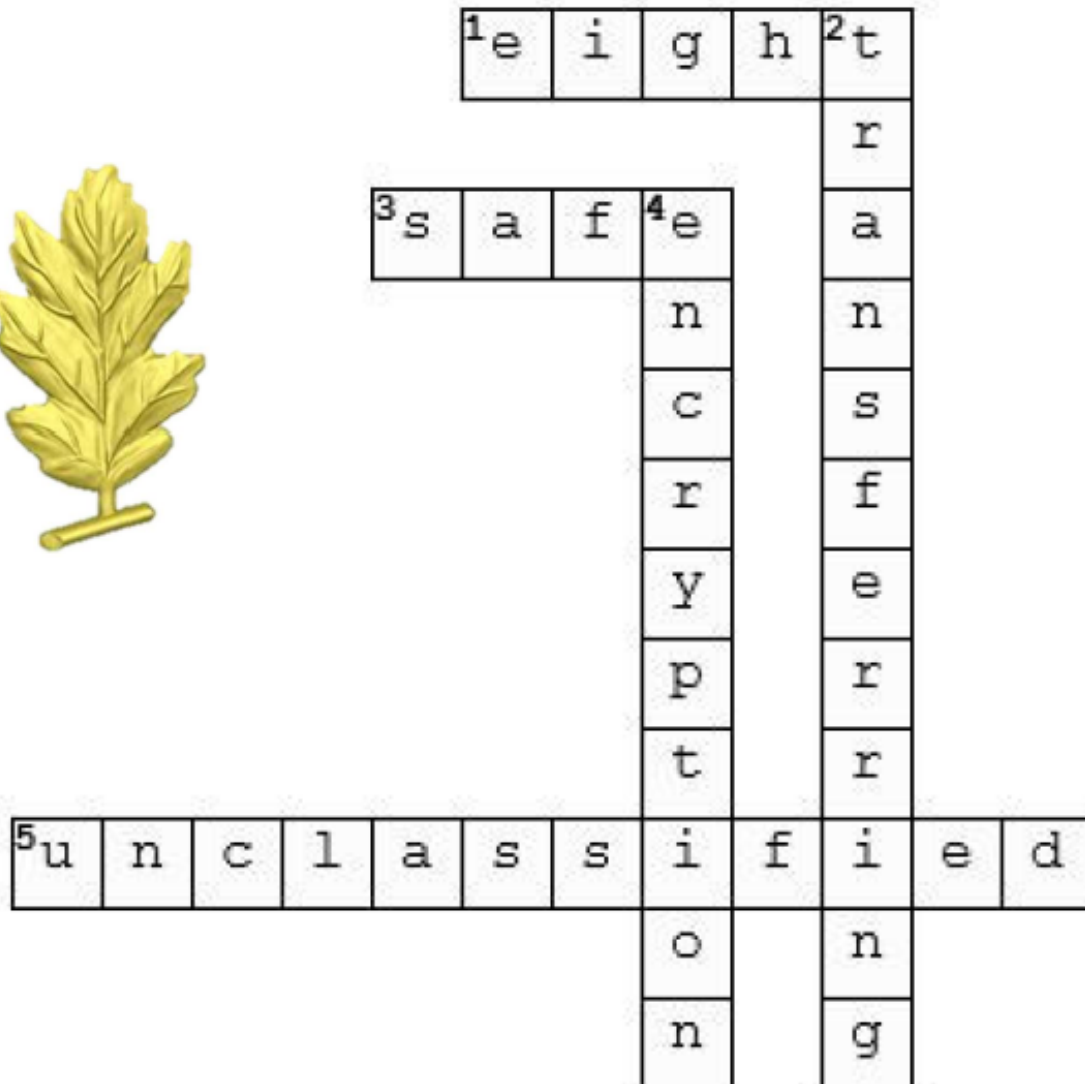
3.) NAVADMIN 210/19 Topic: DoD _____
(Hint: Abbreviated)

5.) Approved for _____ data exchange only.

Down:

2.) A no-cost, enterprise-wide method of securely _____ large files.

4.) The service offers _____ capability for sensitive information to include For Official Use Only (FOUO), Personally Identifiable Information (PHI).



October 2019 Crossword Puzzle

By: LT Rommel R. Rabulan

Across:

1.) Service Members previously issued a permanent no-shave waiver will obtain a medical re-evaluation and new treatment regimen within _____ months of the release of the revised BUPERS 1000.22C. (Hint: Spelled out)

2.) NAVADMIN 231/19 Topic: Management of Navy Uniformed Personnel Diagnosed with _____
(Hint: Abbreviated)

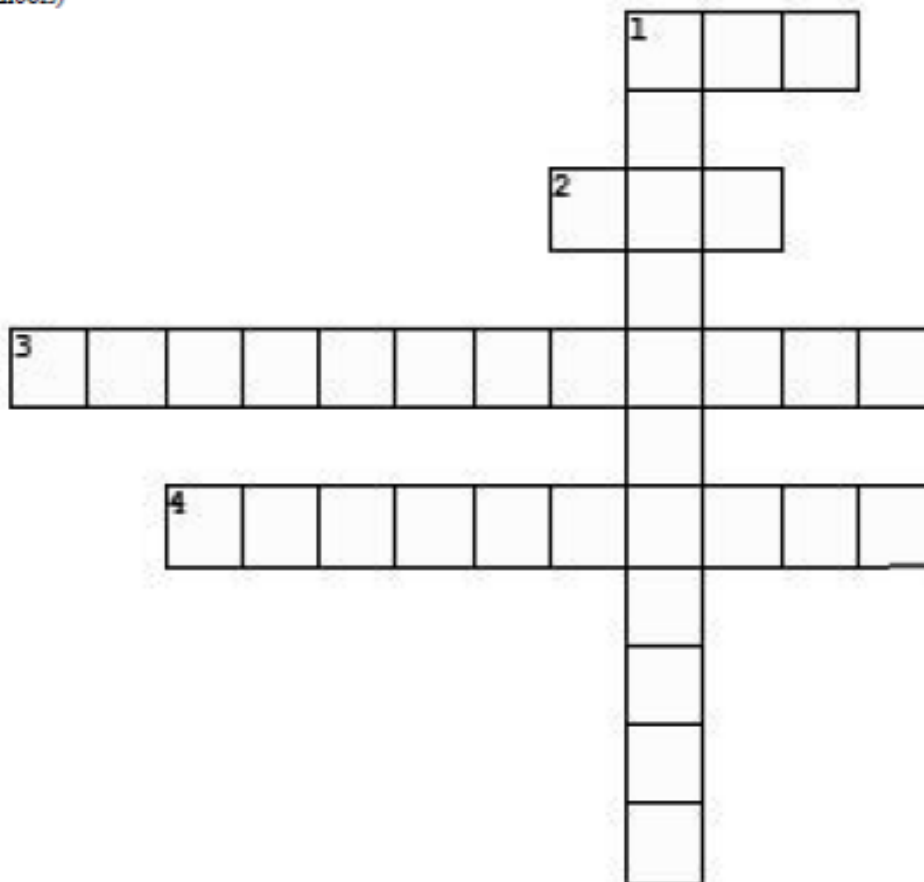
3.) Caused when tightly curled beard hairs, sharpened by shaving, curve back and re-enter the skin, resulting in facial _____, bumps and infections.

4.) At no time will hair growth exceed _____ of an inch between directed shaving periods. (Hint: No symbols)

Down:

1.) Because of the _____ that facial hair introduces in operational, training and maintenance environments and taking into account that proper treatment can in most cases help Service Members manage their PFB, permanent no-shave waivers are no longer authorized. (Hint: Two words)

Scan and email your answers to rommel.r.rabulan@navy.mil. The winner will be recognized on the next edition of The Rudder.



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